

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK APPLICATION

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) _____
Last First Middle Previous last name(s)

Address _____
Street City State Zip code County

Telephone _____
Home Work Other

Birth date: _____ Birth place: _____
Month/Day/Year City/State/Country

U.S. Social Security Number: _____

E-mail _____

Is English your primary language? Yes No Is your degree from a U.S. institution? Yes No

If no to either, you may be required to take the TOEFL. Please contact the Graduate Studies Admissions Office to inquire about this.

If you have taken the TOEFL exam, please include your score: TOEFL: paper: _____ Internet: _____

Check one box: U.S. citizen Non-resident Resident alien—registration number: _____

Current occupation _____

Employer _____ Employer address _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Yes No If yes, please attach a detailed explanation to your application.

Have you ever been disciplined, sanctioned, or been found to have violated a professional association's code of ethics or a state, territorial, provincial, or foreign licensing agency's laws or rules? Yes No If yes, please attach a detailed explanation to your application.

Have you attended Augsburg in the past? Yes No If yes, Augsburg ID # _____

Applying for the Dual Degree (social work/theology or MSW/MBA)? Yes No (Call for more information)

Are you or have you been an AmeriCorps volunteer? Yes No

Have you served in the armed forces of the United States? Yes No If yes, which branch? _____

ADMISSION CATEGORY

Entry status (choose one): Foundation—begin in fall trimester (Sept.) Advanced standing—begin in winter trimester (Jan.)

Concentration (choose one): Multicultural Clinical Practice (MCCP) Program Development, Policy, and Administration

Rate of Attendance (choose one): Full-time Foundation Part-time Foundation Full-time Advanced Standing

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

B.A. B.S. Major: _____ University/College: _____ Awarded month/day/year: _____

Advanced Standing applicants — Is your degree accredited by the Council on Social Work Education? Yes No

Do you hold a master's degree, a doctoral degree, or a second bachelor's degree? List: _____

List ALL post secondary institutions attended. Confirm (by checking the box provided) that you have requested official transcripts from EACH institution be sent to the Graduate Studies Admissions Office. If you completed master's level courses at an institution listed, please indicate this. Attach a list of additional institutions attended if applicable. If your degree is from outside the U.S., you must seek a credential evaluation.

School name and location	Dates of attendance (mo/yr to mo/yr)	Master's level courses?	Transcript requested?
1. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. _____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please note: transcripts from institutions outside the U.S. should be sent directly to a credential evaluator. See instructions for "International Applicants."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Please list the three individuals you have chosen to write recommendations for your application. Provide each person listed with a Recommendation Checklist (included with this application). They must also submit a letter, and both the form and the letter must be signed.

Name	Title/Position	Organization/School	Phone	E-mail
1. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____	_____

LIBERAL ARTS COURSE CHECKLIST

The MSW application requires completion of four prerequisite courses in the social sciences and three courses in the humanities, one course in biology, and one course in statistics. Each course must have a grade of C (2.0) or higher. Using your copy of your transcript(s), list your courses below. Please do not refer us to your transcript. You may have a maximum of two prerequisite courses that are pending (not yet completed) at the time of application. In this event, write "pending" for the course grade.

Social Science Courses

Please list four social science courses drawn from two or more of the following disciplines: anthropology, sociology, psychology, social welfare, social work, economics, political science, geography, or history. Only list courses with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.

Course number and title	Term/Year	School	Grade
1. _____	_____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____

Humanities Courses

Please list three humanities courses drawn from one or more of the following disciplines: philosophy, ethics, jurisprudence, modern or classic languages, linguistics, comparative religion, literature, folklore, archaeology, cultural histories, ethnic studies, poetry, art, music, theatre. Only list courses with a grade of C (2.0) or higher.

Course number and title	Term/Year	School	Grade
1. _____			
2. _____			
3. _____			

Biology Course

Please list a course you have taken or will take that covers basic principles of biological systems. **This course must be taken from a biology department.** A grade of C (2.0) or higher is required.

Course number and title	Term/Year	School	Grade

Statistics Course

Please list a course you have taken or will take that covers basic principles and methods in statistics. **If the word "statistics" is not in the title, obtain and include the course syllabus from the term in which you took the course.** A grade of C (2.0) or higher is required.

Course number and title	Term/Year	School	Grade

SOCIAL WORK OR HUMAN SERVICE-RELATED EXPERIENCE

We prefer applicants with experience, both work and volunteer, in the social and human services. We consider social and human services to include direct and indirect practice in health and human service organizations. The Board of Social Work for the state of Minnesota defines direct and indirect social work practice as: assessment; treatment planning and evaluation; case management; information and referral; counseling; advocacy; teaching; research; supervision; consultation; community organization; and the development, implementation, and administration of policies, programs, and activities. **If you lack prior human services experience, your options for the social work field placements may be limited.**

Starting with your most recent experience, please list all social work or human service-related experience. We ask that you use this form and do not refer us to your résumé.

1. _____

Agency name	Position title	City/State	Phone	E-mail
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Hours per/wk	Start (mo/yr)	End (mo/yr)	Total months	Supervisor name	MSW? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

List five primary tasks performed

2. _____

Agency name	Position title	City/State	Phone	E-mail
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Hours per/wk	Start (mo/yr)	End (mo/yr)	Total months	Supervisor name	MSW? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

List five primary tasks performed

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List five primary tasks performed

5.

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List five primary tasks performed

MEMBERSHIPS

Please list any panels, committees, boards, or task forces on which you serve or previously served:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

BSW COURSE EQUIVALENCY CHECKLIST (for Advanced Standing applicants only)

If you are applying for **Advanced Standing** in the MSW program (requires a CSWE-accredited BSW degree), you may seek waivers for as many as six MSW courses, provided you completed the equivalent BSW courses and **received a grade of B (3.0) or higher in each**. The MSW courses that may be waived are listed below. If you are admitted to the MSW program, but there are MSW courses on this form for which you do not have an eligible BSW course, you will be instructed to enroll in that course or courses at Augsburg. Using your copy of your undergraduate transcript, identify your BSW courses that match the MSW course descriptions listed below. Please do not refer us to your transcript. Use your best judgment. We will make a final determination and inform you of the results.

MSW Course: Human Behavior and the Social Environment (SWK 500)

This course provides the knowledge basic to an understanding of human growth through the life cycle. It explores the interplay of sociocultural, biological, spiritual, and psychological factors that influence the growth of individuals and families in contemporary world society.

Equivalent BSW course:

Course number	Course title	School	Term/Year	Grade received
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MSW Course: History of Social Welfare Policy (SWK 501)

This course analyzes the history of social welfare policy in the United States and its impact on current social systems and social policy. The course examines the major assumptions, values, ideas, and events that contributed to the rise of the welfare state and the profession of social work. Social welfare policies of other countries are explored.

Equivalent BSW course:

Course number	Course title	School	Term/Year	Grade received
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MSW Courses: Integrative Field Work I and II: Seminar and Skills Lab (SWK 502 and 503)

These courses are where field practice and classroom theory meet. Students develop generalist skills in the application of social work theory to practice with individuals, families, groups, and community. They practice the application of social work knowledge, values, ethics, and skills under supervision with the twin goals of nurturing the well being of people and changing the environmental conditions that affect people adversely. They learn professional communication skills and build competence in problem solving, change, and advocacy. Students spend 420 hours in a field placement during enrollment in these two courses.

Equivalent BSW courses:

Course number	Course title	School	Term/Year	Grade received
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MSW Course: Practice Methods and Skills I: Individuals (SWK 505)

This course introduces students to social work practice. In sequence with SWK 506, it prepares students to apply the generalist perspective for practice with systems of all sizes. Students begin by learning about social work with individuals, with a dual focus on the person in the environment. In this context, they learn about direct services as well as social change.

Equivalent BSW course:

Course number	Course title	School	Term/Year	Grade received
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MSW Course: Practice Methods and Skills II: Groups (SWK 506)

This course prepares students for generalist social work practice with larger client systems. The strengths perspective is emphasized and students learn to complete assessments and formulate intervention strategies in partnership with groups, organizations, and communities.

Equivalent BSW course:

Course number	Course title	School	Term/Year	Grade received
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DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY

The following questions are optional. The data collected from this section are kept confidential and used for student body profile and statistical reporting to the State of Minnesota and the Council on Social Work Education. You may answer some questions, but not others if you like, or you may decline to answer any at all. We thank you in advance for completing this form.

Which best describes you? Male Female Other (optional)

Which best describes you? Hispanic/Latino

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Other If Other, please select one of the following (optional):

- White
- Multiracial/Two or more races
- Prefer not to respond to this question

Religious affiliation (if any): _____

In an effort to assist Augsburg College in reporting to the ELCA, if Lutheran, name congregation: _____

Synod? ELCA Missouri Other _____

Do you have dependent children or other family members you will support during your MSW enrollment?

Yes No If yes, how many?: _____

Will you be employed while enrolled in the MSW program? Yes No

If yes, how many hours per week?: Fewer than 10 10 to 20 21 to 30 31 to 40 41+

How did you learn of Augsburg's MSW program? _____

What most persuaded you to apply to Augsburg's MSW program? _____

APPLICANT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In applying to Augsburg's MSW program, I am aware of the necessary commitments of time, energy, finances, and health for the rigors of graduate study and professional social work. If admitted, I agree to read the catalog, the MSW Student Handbook, and the NASW Code of Ethics and to abide by the policies therein. I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements I have made in this application are correct. I contend that my signed personal statement is my own work. I understand that failure to submit all required materials by the deadline, withholding information requested on this form, or giving false information may make me ineligible for admission to the Master of Social Work program at Augsburg College.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____